DDA has reported that they have initiated various preventive and punitive steps to streamline its functioning, to being in more transparency in the system and to check corrupt practices. The cases of corruption are enquired into by DDA's Vigilance Wing and other criminal investigating agencies and penal action taken after following the procedure.

No nodal officer has been appointed to monitor the DDA, nor any special task force for flyovers has been set up. However, the quality of work of flyovers is checked by the DDA internally through the Chief Engineer (Quality Control) in DDA and other agencies like Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd., (RITES).

Private Participation in IDSMT

1325. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Programme for Development of Small and Medium Towns failed to make any considerable headway during the two decades 1981—2001, so much so that of the 4656 such towns, projects were sanctioned only in 1058 towns;

(b) if so, the latest appraisal of the programme and the reasons for its failure;

(c) whether private sector participation could not be mustered for the programme; and

(d) if so, the reasons for failure in registering private participation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) 1213 towns have been covered under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) scheme out of 4565 small and medium towns in the country as per 1991 census till June 30, 2002, which were eligible under the Scheme. The coverage of towns under the Scheme is dependent upon the availability of budgetary resources.

The evaluation of IDSMT scheme has been undertaken from time to time by the Government as also the various agencies working in this field and modifications in the guidelines have been made.Evaluation study of IDSMT Scheme has been again been entrusted to Regional Centres of Urban and Environment Studies, Lucknow, Mumbai and Hyderabad and they have been requested to complete the study by September, 2002.

The Scheme has helped in improving infrastructure facilities and creation of durable public assets in the selected small and medium towns. By promoting resource generating schemes it has helped, to some extent, in improving the overall financial position of the Urban Local Bodies.

(c) and (d) the IDSMT Guidelines specifies that State Governments and Local Bodies should involve the private sector or adopt public-private partnership to the extent possible in the forumlation and implementation of projects. The extent of private sector participation by the Urban Local Bodies are not available.

Projects for basic amenities in Metropolitan Cities

†1326. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had initiated 72 projects during the past years for providing basic facilities in five big Metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) if so, the names of those projects and how much amount had been estimated as expenditure for their completion;

(c) how much amount has already been spent out of the estimated amount till march, 2002; and

(d) the number of projects, out of them which have been discontinued without completion of job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The Centrally sponsored scheme for Infrastructure Development

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